

the surface of the first string to which adhesive has been applied is brought into contact with the surface of the second string.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the second string has immediately beforehand been processed in the same manner as the first string.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the movements of the first string are brought about by suitable mechanical means, using electrical, hydraulic or pneumatic power.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the adhesive which is applied to the first string is a hot melt adhesive.

8. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein adhesive is dispensed from the adhesive applicators with those applicators in fixed, stationary positions relative to the first string.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein adhesive is dispensed from the adhesive applicators whilst movement of the applicators relative to the first string is taking place.

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14. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 12, wherein each applicator has a downwardly directed outlet for adhesive.

15. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 12, wherein each applicator is provided with more than one outlet for adhesive.

16. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 12, comprising a turning mechanism by which the first string is tipped into an upright position such that the surface of the first string to which adhesive has been applied is brought into contact with the surface of the second string.

19. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 12, further comprising mechanical means for bringing about movement of the first string.

21. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 12, further comprising sensors to monitor and control the movements of the first string.

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22. (Amended) An innerspring assembly manufactured by the method of Claim 1.

23. (Amended) An innerspring assembly as claimed in claim 22, in combination with a mattress.

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